

## Circular Letter No. 46.

October 25, 1910.

To Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

I am forwarding you herewith a Course of Instruction in sewing for the girls enrolled in the elementary schools. This Course is based on the course of instruction in sewing for the girls of the public schools of Philadelphia, and should be followed as closely as local conditions will permit.

The girls enrolled from the third grade on, who are to take advantage of this course in sewing, should be grouped into classes according to their ability rather than by age or grade, at this particular time. Those girls who have no knowledge at all of the subject should start at the beginning of the course; others may start at the point where the teacher finds their knowledge or skill is defective. Each group should progress as fast as ability will permit. In the case of older girls this progress may be fairly rapid, but it is not expected that they will cover the course beyond their school grade.

Where the materials specified cannot be secured, teachers are at liberty to substitute others of similar

character. The teacher should keep a report on the work of the school - attendance, articles made, and materials. In so far as possible the making of useful garments for the home should be encouraged, and the girls should be allowed to bring clothing to be mended. Plan the work so that these classes may result in the most good to the largest number of girls, and in any way possible arouse interest, both in the school and in the town, toward the training of the hand as a regular feature of the school year.

Before long you will receive a supply of cards, to be filled out at the end of each month, on which to report the necessary data regarding the work in sewing.

Yours very truly,

Acting Commissioner.